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CHILE: New Protests Planned

Protest marches to be staged on 11 October by the Democratic Alliance and a leftist-sponsored sixth day of national protest planned for 13 October are designed to put pressure on the government to make more political concessions. The Alliance is taking precautions to ensure that its marches in Santiago and other cities remain peaceful. Two newly formed leftist coalitions are planning the day of national protest. The Democratic Alliance has refused to participate in their activities. [REDACTED]

Comment: The Democratic Alliance is trying to maintain the leadership of the opposition movement and the momentum of the talks that resumed with the government last week. Leaders of the Alliance hope that by carefully controlling their rally and refusing to participate in leftist activities, they can avoid responsibility for whatever violence may occur. The arrest yesterday of Rodolfo Seguel and other labor leaders during a march demanding reinstatement of fired copperworkers indicates the government is trying to discourage the protests planned for next week. [REDACTED]